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INTINGS,

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UPDAY, Dec. 14 and 15.

1830 and 7 p.m.

SON, POMEROY & CO.

Madison-st.

Dec. 15, at 10 o'clock.

Arm Chairs,

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17 Randolph-st.

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17, at 10 A.M.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

Lighter Country Orders for Currency Clearings, \$3,400,000.

Trade Returns for November—National Finances.

The Produce Markets Moderately Active—Hogs Firm—Provisions Easier, Under Large Offerings.

Oats Weak—Wheat Turns Downward—Corn Steady.

FINANCIAL.

The country orders for currency were not as large as they have been earlier in the week. The diminished receipts of hogs show the effect of the usual custom. Bankers and brokers have a certain amount of cash, while strong and possessed of abundant loanable resources, prefer not to extend their discount lines to any great extent. The customers of the banks can readily obtain all the accommodations they need for legitimate purposes, but, on the other hand, are compelled to pay the piper for offering their paper in increasing quantities for discount. The banks are sending in paper for rediscoun. Rates of discount are 8½ per cent at the banks to regular customers on the street, call-loans are 7 per cent.

New York exchange was sold between banks at \$603.00 per thousand. Currency is being sent out from New York.

Clearings were \$3,400,000.

NEW YORK TRADE RETURNS FOR NOVEMBER.

The trade sum over for November is the same as for October, 1876. The total entries of specie and merchandise were \$1,000,000,000, and the exports made up the highest November imports ever made since 1870, when the total was \$28,117,000.

The imports for New York for eleven months in 1877 were \$306,812,672; in 1876, \$273,432,775; in 1875, \$319,305,265; in 1874, \$285,005,181.

The customs returns show that imports paying the higher rates are increasing, and the rate is constantly decreasing.

The records of customs in eleven months of 1877 were \$69,092,122,68; in 1876, \$80,840,071; and in 1875, \$100,000,000.

The *Journal of Commerce* shows that last year the average was 41 per cent on the whole, but 45 per cent on the portion withdrawn from warehouse, and less than 30 per cent on the durable merchandise entered directly for consumption. Even under the present system of importation in some former years, has been 40 per cent, and over 50 per cent on that which was warehoused.

The total exports for November, valued mostly in paper money, in 1877 were \$29,000,348, against \$24,640,449 in 1876, and were larger than those of November, 1875, which amounted to \$28,405,186.

In eleven months of 1877, imports were \$288,458,471; and of 1875, \$288,081,908. All the New York imports about two-thirds of the all the goods landed in the country, and sends out about 45 per cent of all the exports. It follows from the above figures that the "balance of trade" in favor of this country for the eleven months of 1877 must be about \$100,000,000.

NATIONAL FINANCES.

Notwithstanding the expressions of Secretary Sherman in favor of retrenchment in the expenses of the National Government, the book of estimates of Congress demanded an increase in appropriations for every branch of the service, except the Second and the Treasury, military and pecuniary, in proposing a reduction of the expenses of his office. The following is a statement of the Department's estimates for 1878 and the appropriations for 1877:

Estimates Appropriations for 1878.

The following instruments were filed for record Friday, Dec. 14:

CITY PROPERTY.

Weston, a. 4464—ft. of Thirty-third st., e. 2, 2,000.

North LaSalle st., 190 ft. e. of Goethel st. e. f. 2, 8,000.

St. rt. 11, 70 ft. of Eighteenth st. e. f. 24,234.

ft. improved, dated Jan. 1, 1877.

St. rt. 11, 70 ft. of Eighteenth st. e. f. 2,000.

ft. dated Dec. 10.

Bentley, 210 ft. of Twenty-first st. w. 2,075.

Michigan av. 63 ft. of Sixteenth st. e. f. 21,212.

John W. Clarke to Samuel and Amos H. H. 12,000.

Copps, 300 ft. of Western av. 1, 2, 24,230.

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THE HOME.

Some Notes for the Guidance of Contributors.

Aunt Carrie and the Babies—An Ideal Partnership.

Woman Under the Law—The History Club—Scrap-Books.

Cures for Whooping-Cough—A Hunter's Appeal—Coffee Cake.

Ferns and Holly—A Woman's Temperance Sermon.

Poetry and Music—Kindness to Animals—To Paint Photographs.

CHRISTMAS-PRESENTS.
"What shall we give?" I hear them ask.
As though selection were a task.
For one, no gift is good to me.
Unless the giving gives in.
A gift is liked by each and all;
Whate'er its value, great or small.
What's given is given,
That some there are who think of you.
The Christmas-gift means love or friend;
But not, then, let such giving end.

The Christmas-time, of all the year,
Is lonely if no friend is near.
To rise at morn, and not to hear
The "Merry Christmas" greet your ear;
To find no gift, no call to rise,
No token that a friend is near.
And pride has work to well such need.
E'en wealth itself is hard to bear
If loving friend may never share.
Some think that splendid, words to cat,
The round of human joy comprise:
The papers may rich indeed.
Who feel they have no further need.

What best to give? All things have,
Give faith and friendship—human love;
But if, friend, not rock or stone,
To give you something more,
Then give such gifts as you can spare—
Such gifts as friend with friend may share;
Or else give what your friend may lack;
Be it a silken gown or sealkin sack;
A cap, a gun, or pair of gloves.
Some, for the love of their little doves,
A set of chimes, sandal-fan.

A carriage, matted span; But for a gift surpassing fair,
A house on Dearborn will be rare;
While pictures, books, are always right.
And "weeklies," "monthlies," "give delight—
Bring gladness every month and week;
For better gifts no further seek.

Remember this, when gift is made,
It is no swan, or change, or trade;
But something saved in Friendship's bank,
With interest—love; and day—thank.

LYDIA A. RICHARDS.

NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS.
A correspondent suggests that all contributors append their addresses for publication. This has been done, but it is better to be specific, and send circulars, papers, etc., to the owners, to their annoyance. If these communications were simply cards of respectable merchants, the practice would be only a nuisance, but letters from scoundrels, or from individuals who are not to be considered reliable. It has sometimes seemed best not to suffer even a box address to be given in these columns, but no doubt the good sense of the contributors will govern them.

It is a sedulous effort, but there seems some point for saying that a part of the readers of The Home do not like its conductor. A week ago it was noted in these columns that the last of Miss Corson's "Fifteen Cent Dinners for Workingmen's Families" had been sent out, and that no more were at hand. Why so simple a statement of facts could not have been done, and how appropriate for the pamphlets to be printed on the reverse side of the page, it is not known.

Mendoza and Monroe, the correspondent you are after needs a wife more than he does such advice as you send; leave him to his own devices, and don't trouble him. Old Boy, you, too, must stop poking fun at him. If you all were to give recipes for what you don't know, you would break up the Home.

All and sundry who have found their requests for patterns taken out, the editor would say that they will have to apply. Patent Agent Home, come to me, and I will give you what you want. The reasons for the change have been given heretofore.

Try, try to leave out the names of persons who are in business; you unintentionally make the Home a free advertisement which cannot be permitted.

Winniford complains that when she wrote "Loeschner's musical studies, the intelligent composer perverted it to 'Sorchaus.'"

Buddy Four, the correspondent you address should have neither sympathy nor ridicule. Write about something else.

Ducks, the lins which keeps advertisements of business out of The Home has to be drawn very strictly.

P. R. Aner, you have stirred that question up again, if you have set the parents at work at it.

Mollie, enough recipes known to be good have been printed for the complaint which you refer to.

Little School Bab, your method of stopping gun-shewing is not to be encouraged.

Our Little Friend, Thinner Summers, must not write on both sides of the paper.

Declined—Glen, Know Nothing, Missis Thalby Sodowsky, Dewey.

THE LETTER-BOX.
There are letters in this office for the following-named contributors. Those intended for persons living out of the city will be forwarded by mail upon their address. Residents can call or send to Room 24 Thinner Building and get their letters:

Grandmother Bee,
Little Dorrit,
Miss Mab,
J. McBeth, Esq.,
W. C. L. Lee,
W. L. C. (6),
Eliza W. (6),
Kite (2),
Sunshine,
That's All,
J. A. D.,
Villa (2),
Della (2),
L. Y.,
Flossie.

AUNT CARRIE AND THE BABIES.
To the Editor of The Tribune.

MONROE, Mo., Dec. 11.—I read in a former extract that, having enjoyed a more than ordinary existence, the little ones, I feel justly proud of an ability to do more. Too many infants (that is children under 2 years of age) suffer more through ignorance than neglect,—for what mother, even though she be a sage, does not love her offspring sufficiently to take the best of her ability? A number of letters which I recently received have led me to think that very young mothers enter upon their duties without a knowledge of the very first principles of nursing. From the very birth of a child in our middle classes it is kept in a room with the mother, and it is therefore unnecessary for me to describe the number of good and bad nursing practices which matter in a room where there is, that the air is kept pure; and this is best effected by having a wisp of wood, from one to three inches wide,

closer beneath the hoisted lower, or lowered upper, that is, allowing a free circulation of air between the shelves.

As regards feeding: a very young babe, during the first twelve hours of its life, requires no feeding whatever, and three-fourths of the evils troubling infants are produced by the ignorant notion that just as soon as a babe begins to breathe it is hungry, and requires (for obvious foolish reasons) a great many more than a cracker, sugar and water, milk, etc., and always a few spoonfuls of hot water and sugar. It needs only warmth and perfect rest. Rest, however, is the best food. If you are not working for a charity that is already well supported, our aim and end is to look after the unfortunate, poor and destitute, and to help them to help themselves. It is possible, that we cannot take a debt of gratitude for the services of the Home, but we can do more for general suffering outside of it than we can within.

The next contributions in money to Maine, No. 60 Tween, are: clothing, clothing and clothing, to Grandmas Oldways, according to directions she will give. State distinctly whether your offering is to be used for the benefit of the Home, estab-

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ing. ORLEANS S. MATTHEWS, Secretary.

ASK AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN.
To the Editor of The Tribune.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—I notice with pleasure the gradual elevation of thought, and the growth of popular sentiment in favor of the higher life, of which the Home is a factor. The Home is my own, and other people's children. Where obliged to use other nourishment than the mother's milk, I have given the same to my babies, and this is given in plain, simple, easily digested bottles, fitted with nipples and sponge, and these I shall always wash myself, first well cleansing the nipples, then the sponge, and finally the bottle, one teaspoonful of bi-carbonate of soda in a capful of water) poured into a shallow dish; when ready to use, rinse well. Yet, it is some trouble, but it is a happy, happy result.

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Young ladies should ignore the attentions of drinking men. They should not link themselves with men who are not interested in their welfare.

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Let us be thankful and resort to our modes as calling for our services, or for foreign born, as do the circumstances in which we are born, and the same bases on which to build our empire, whether it relates to the art of war, or the art of peace.

I seriously doubt but a relation

exists in this intrusion into the Home.

Home. If I am reported, I shall

retire and hibernate until the time

in my face.

F. E.

ALL PARTNERSHIP.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

S.—Clear Eyes. If I were not you, I might, perhaps, have the same name, I think we could form a partnership in this way: I to all your work (you are not plain term) faithfully and well, and if it were selling dry goods, or anything of that kind, I might agree upon.

Being relieved of your work, your heart would be business, whatever you could do, and of course make it pay better.

Now, having my board exonerated, I would be better for you, and in the bungling way in

nearly every particular accounts

you might give me a cent as

you would be for me.

So, I hope the ladies will find that I bear the waspish.

SWARZENSKI.

the fingers on the ends on the keys, and making a straight line from the second finger joints to the elbow. I begin by teaching them to spell on the keys. After this I teach them to spell on the instrument, i.e., e, a, b, c, d, f, g, h, i, l, m, n, o, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z, and many other letters.

After the spelling of the seven letters. Then the meaning of the staff, the clefs, with the signature (figures): the single bar, which divides the time with perfect precision, and making the fingers come to a count, and not to the fingers, to the time, and the time to the note, for without the accent there is no character to the music. I do not use a book for the first lesson, but I have a book, and any finger exercises I deem best, and teach the position of hands and fingers; to be careful that all (out of the first) fingers are straight, the little finger does not lie down, and that the fingers are raised without moving the hand. For older children, I teach the finger exercises, if necessary. Now, all this by no means comes in one lesson, but in several lessons now the student is ready to learn the first piece, to the time, and to the notes.

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LET RELIGION ALSO ENTER IN.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

MATSON, Dec. 10.—Let me enter a protest against announcing the receipt of our communications unless accepted. Put yourself in our place, and you will see.

Do I not understand you right? Do you

not wish to be sure that what you write will be published?

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MARK TWAIN.

Some Rambling Notes of an Idle Excursion.

Is It Possible to Create a Woman Who Will Not Smuggle?

A Shilling, Gentlemen, for the New Methodist Church.

The "Higher Classes" Don't Wear Boots at the Theatre.

Contest Between Dying Soldiers for a Coffin.

Wouldn't Interview—Birds and Spiders—Grape-Bearing Trees.

Atlantic Monthly for January.

The early twilight of a Sunday evening in Hamilton, Bermuda, is an alluring time. There is just enough of whispering breeze, fragrance of flowers, and sense of repose to raise one's thoughts heavenward; and just enough amateur piano music to keep him reminded of the other place. There are many venerable pianos in Hamilton, and they all play a slight tune, and some of them play a good deal. There are some musical instruments—nay, those of the violin, but it seems to set a piano's teeth on edge. Most of the music in vogue there is the same that those pianos prattled in their innocent infancy; and there is something very pathetic about it when they go it over, in their asthmatic second childhood, dropping a note here and there, where they can.

We paid our evening service at the stately Episcopal Church on the hill, where were 500 or 600 people, half of them white and the other black, according to the usual Bermuda proportion. The organ was a good one, which was also used in Bermuda and to be confidently expected.

The organ was good, which we both, and good enough to be a good part of a wonderful deal of conjuring, and so only the part of the argument over it. As we left, one girl said to another:

"Why don't you mean to say you pay duty on gloves and laces? I only pay postage, and you don't."

There are those who believe that the most difficult thing to create is a woman who can appreciate a man's art, and the most difficult thing to create is a woman who will not smuggle, whether or not, or who, when she gets a chance.

—LITERATE FUGITIVUS CHILDREN.

We were soon far down on the lonely black depths of a road that was roofed over with the dense foliage of a double rank of green cedars. There was no sound of any kind here; it was perfectly still. And it was so dark that one could detect nothing but sombre outlines. We strode farther and farther down this tunnel, uncertainly.

Presently the road took this shape: "How insensibly the character of a people and of a Government makes its impress upon a stranger, and gives him a sense of security or of insecurity, of safety or of danger, without his asking the matter or asking anybody a question! We have been in this land half a dozen times, and have seen none but honest faces; we have noted no signs of bribe or of fine, and good order; so without inquiry we plunge unarm'd and with perfect confidence into the dismal paths of a country world."

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